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As part of our community Strategies for Sustainability and Justice program, the Pacific Institute has been conducting community outreach and education to increase participation in water policy by communities who have too often not been included in decision-making processes. Over the past several months, we have worked to inform and engage community-based organizations in the CALFED process. This work has been generously supported by the San Francisco Foundation and other private contributions.

We hereby transmit a letter from 33 community-based organizations requesting that CALFED include communities and their concerns as an integral part of CALFED's decision-making process, program and project selection, and implementation. It is our hope that CALFED will be able to respond to these recommendations as it moves forward. We are pleased to have been able to assist in the submission of this letter, and look forward to the opportunity to work with CALFED to bring interested community groups into the process.

Sincerely,

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